

# Results Area: Healthy and Sustainable Communities

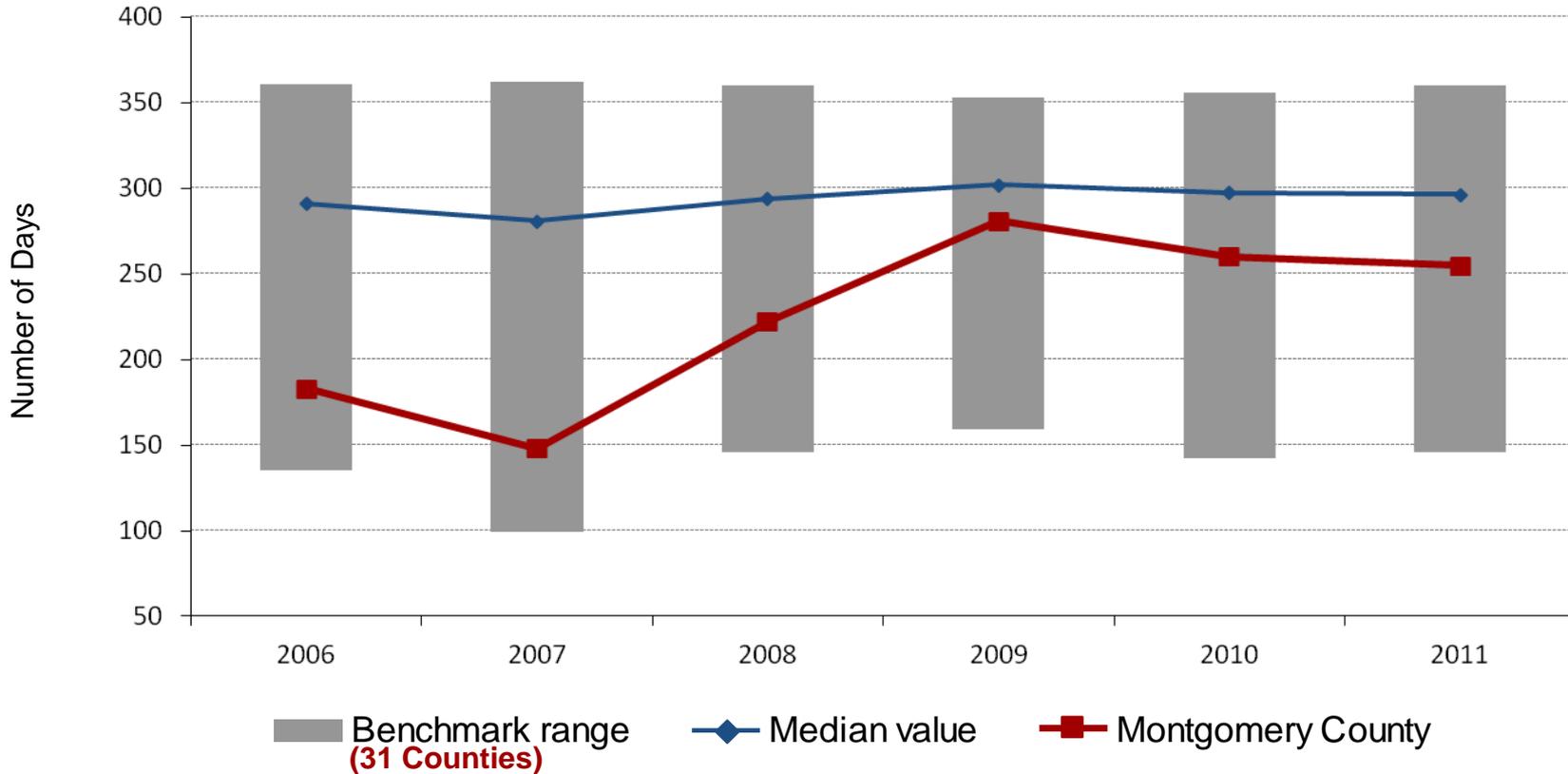
People come to Montgomery County because of its renowned quality of life. Our residents value our urban centers, our agricultural communities, and our suburban neighborhoods. A clean environment along with diverse opportunities for recreation and the arts are essential elements of our quality of life. As our community changes and grows to one million people, the Leggett Administration is committed to revitalizing older communities, attracting and retaining quality businesses, providing adequate public facilities, and developing healthy and sustainable new communities based on the principles of smart growth.

**Statement on Healthy and Sustainable Communities from the Leggett Transition Team Report (December 2006)**



## Healthy and Sustainable Communities

### Indicator: Number of “good” air quality days



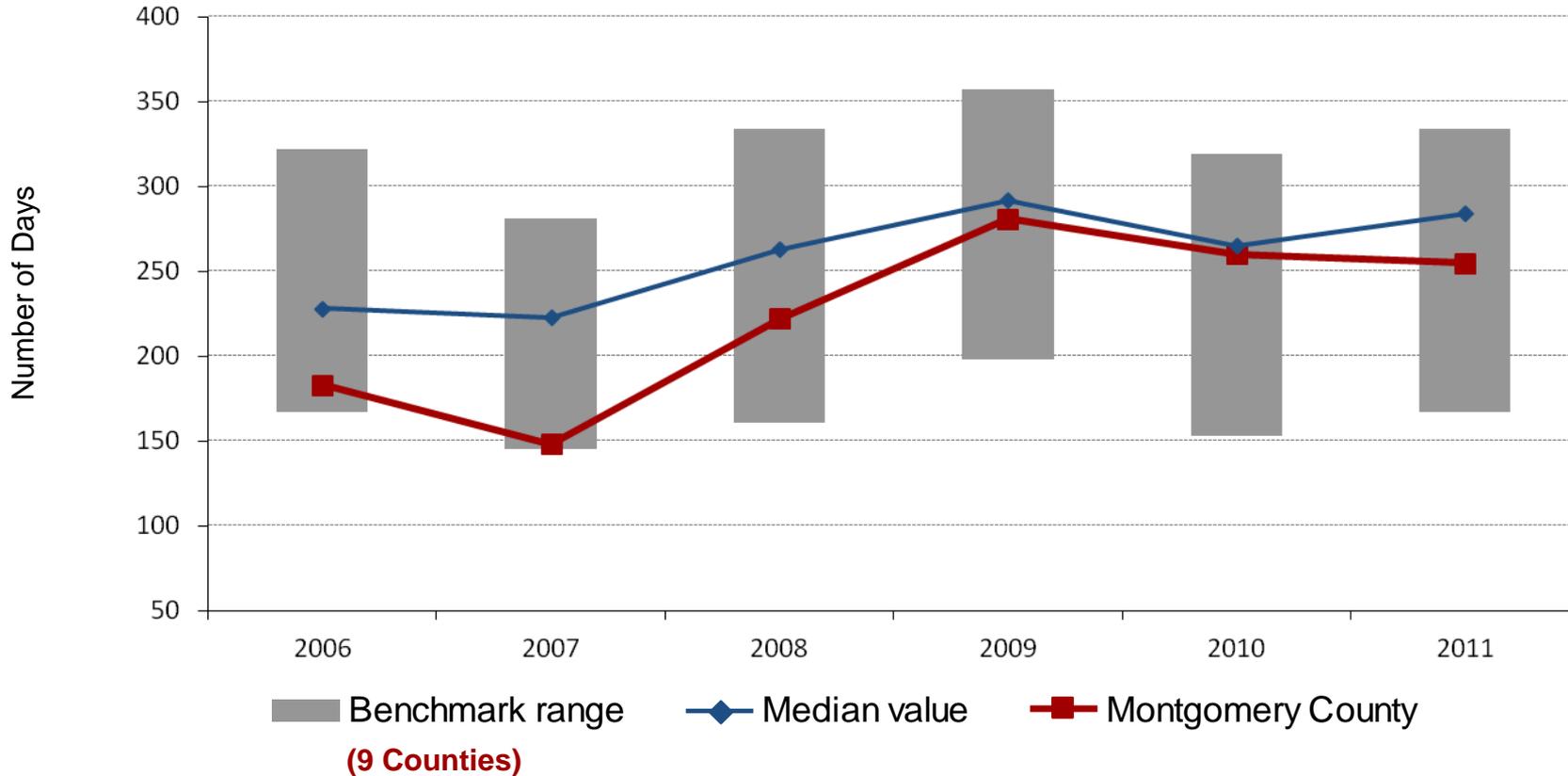
**In 2011, the median value was 297 days. In Montgomery County, there were 255 “good” air quality days. In 2011, the highest value was 360 and the lowest value was 146.**

Source: Air Quality Index report, [www.epa.gov/airdata/ad\\_rep\\_aqi.html](http://www.epa.gov/airdata/ad_rep_aqi.html)



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**Indicator: Number of “good” air quality days**



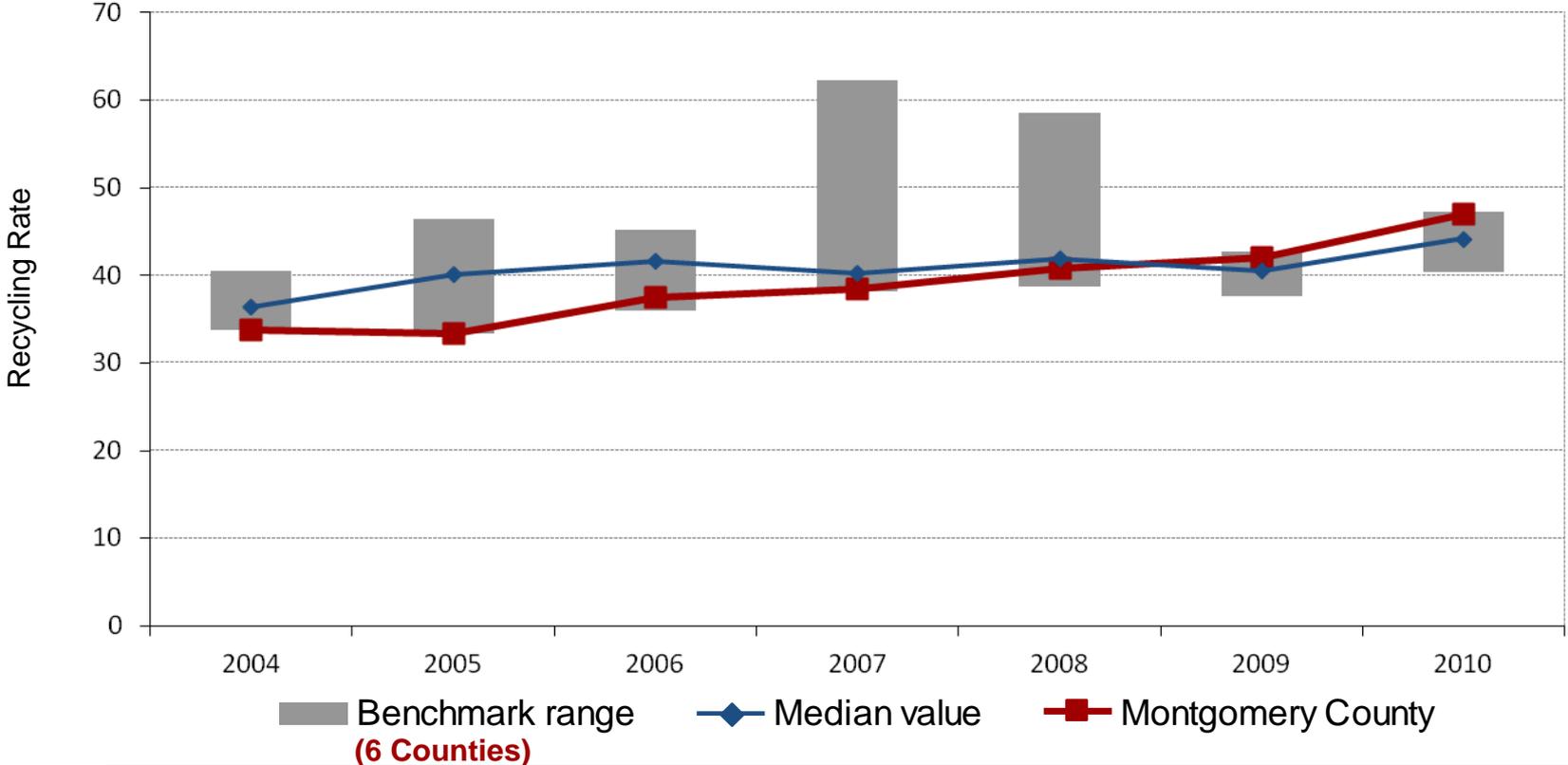
**In 2008, the median value was 187 days. In Montgomery County, there were 171 “good” air quality days. In 2008, the highest value was 235 and the lowest value was 149.**

Source: Air Quality Index report, [www.epa.gov/airdata/ad\\_rep\\_aqi.html](http://www.epa.gov/airdata/ad_rep_aqi.html)



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Indicator: Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) Rate<sup>1</sup>



**In 2010, the median value was 44 percent. In Montgomery County, the recycling rate was 44% <sup>2</sup>. In 2010, the highest value was 47 and the lowest value was 40.**

Source: Maryland Department of the Environment "Waste Diversion Activities Report" 2006-2009

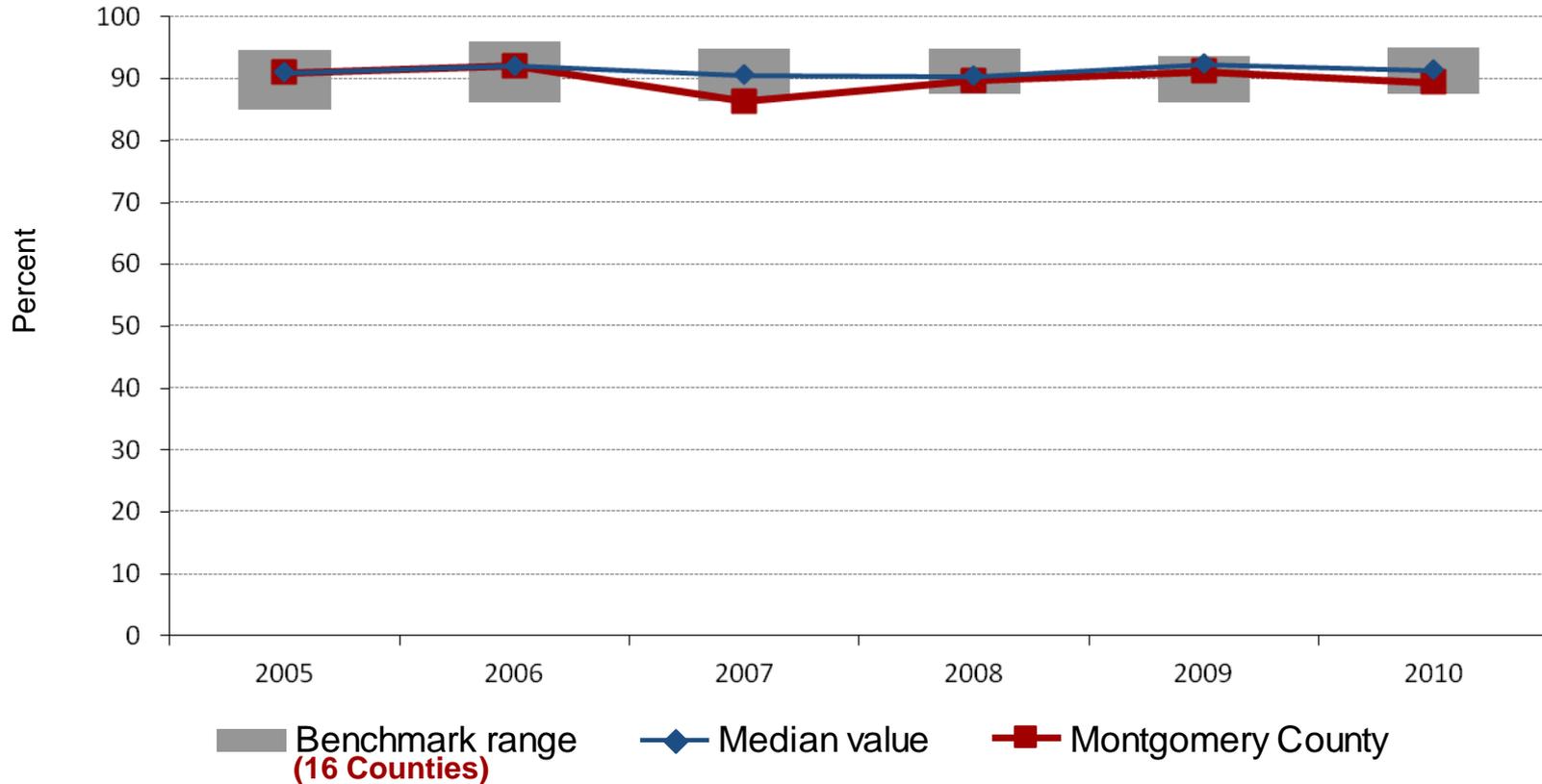
1-Data is annually self-reported to Maryland Department of the Environment by each county and calculated based on the MRA mandate. It includes ash recycling, which is not part of Montgomery Co's program.

2-Montgomery Co-calculated recycling rate is higher, 52%, due to its yard waste recycling component.



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**Indicator: Number of adults with health coverage**



**In 2010, the median value was 91 percent. In Montgomery County, 89% percent of adults had health care coverage. In 2010, the highest value was 95% and the lowest value was 87%.**

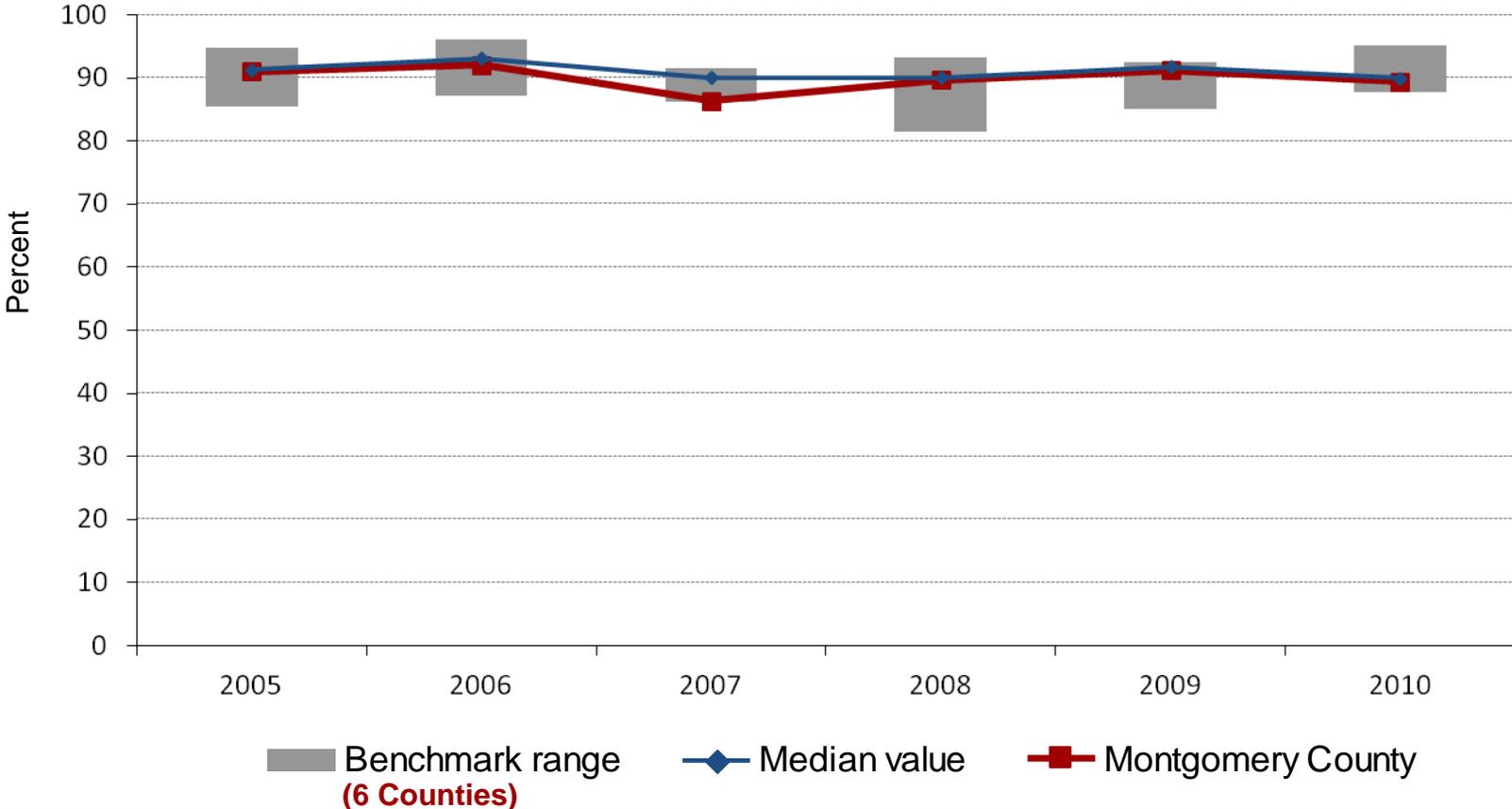


Source: Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, Centers for Disease Control (CDC)



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Indicator: Number of adults with health coverage



In 2010, the median value was 90 percent. In Montgomery County, 89% percent of adults had health care coverage. In 2010, the highest value was 95% and the lowest value was 88%.

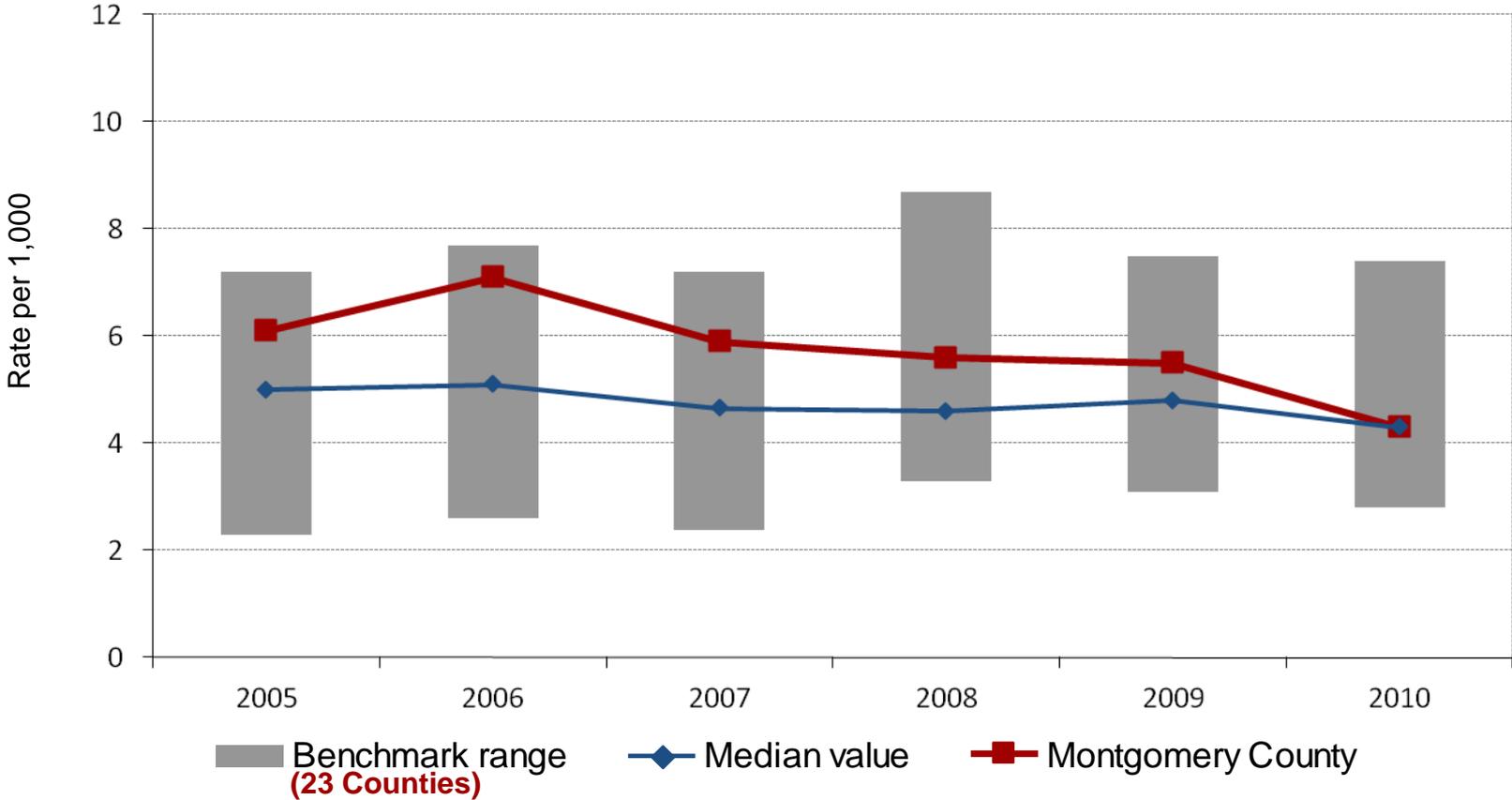


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## Indicator: Infant mortality rate



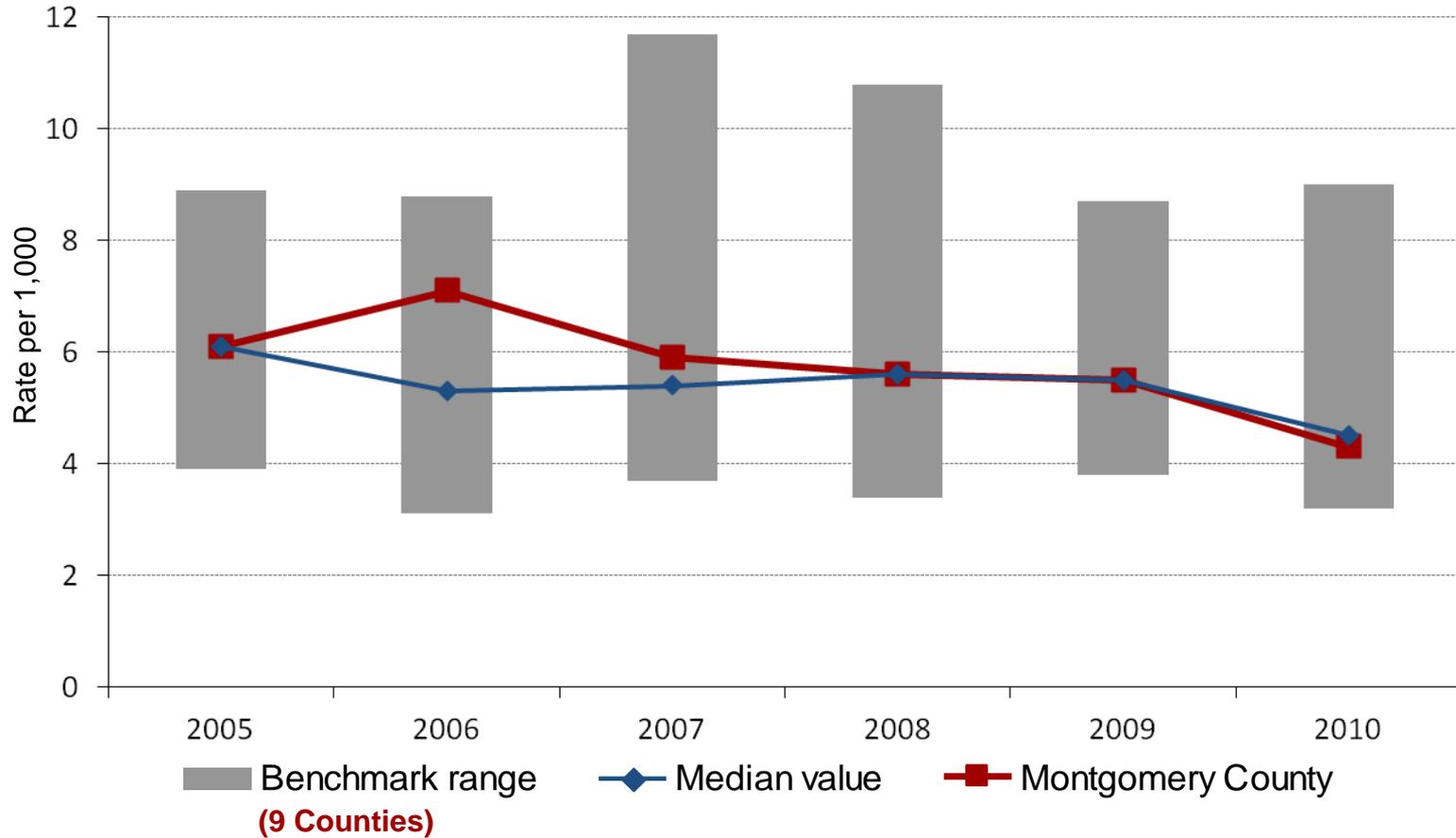
In 2010, the median value was 4.3. In Montgomery County, there were 4.3 infant deaths per 1,000 births. In 2010, the highest value was 7.4 per 1,000 and the lowest value was 2.8 per 1,000.



Source: State departments of health



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**Indicator: Infant mortality rate**



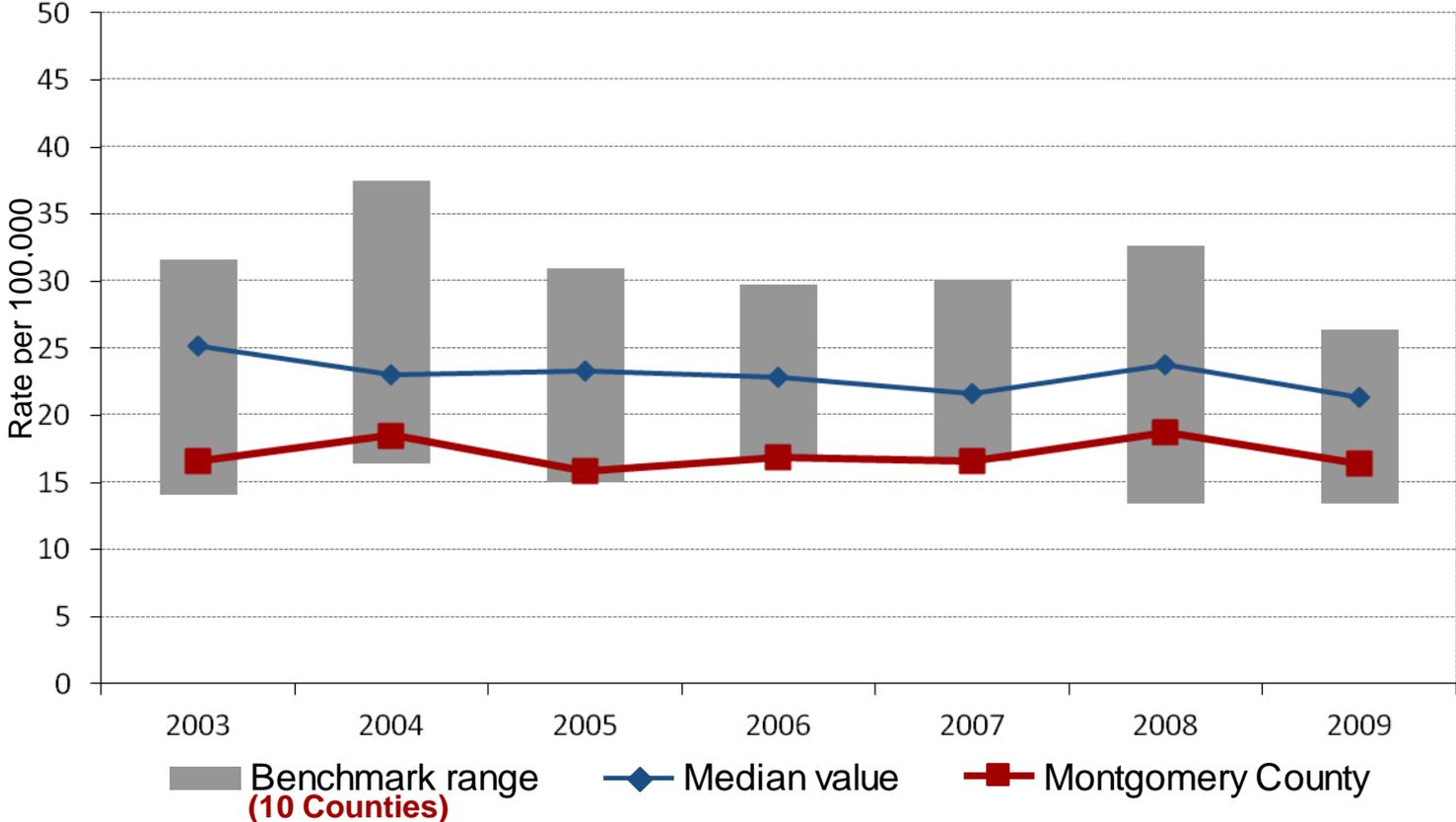
**In 2010, the median value was 4.5. In Montgomery County, there were 4.3 infant deaths per 1,000 births. In 2010, the highest value was 9.0 per 1,000 and the lowest value was 3.2 per 1,000.**



Source: State departments of health



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**Indicator: Injury-related death rate**



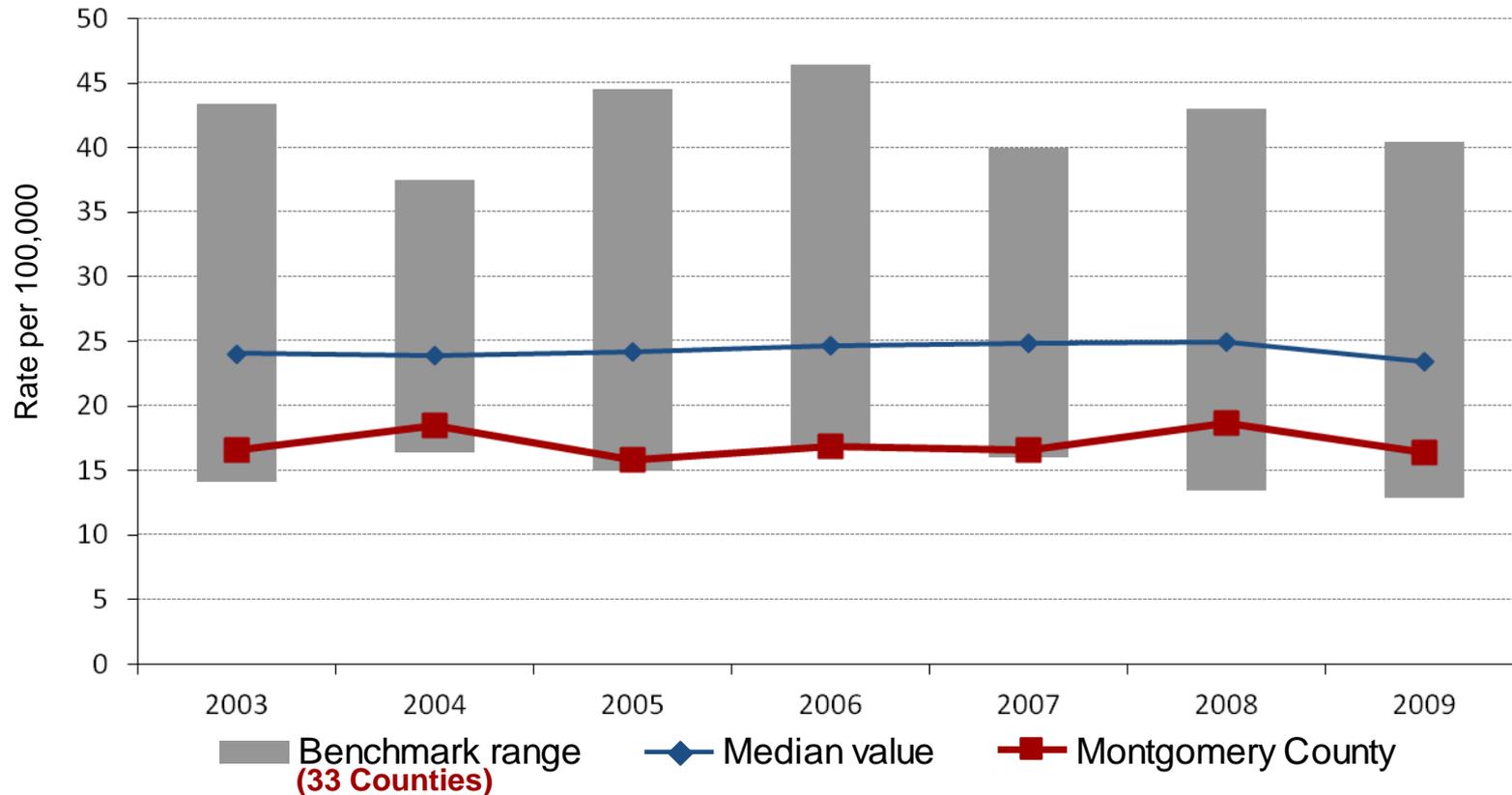
**In 2009, the median value was 21.35. In Montgomery County, there were 16.4 unintentional injury deaths per 100,000 population. In 2009, the highest value was 26.4 per 100,000 and the lowest value was 13.4 per 100,000.**



Source: Office of Women's Health, US Health and Human Services; only 2003-2009 data available



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**Indicator: Injury-related death rate**



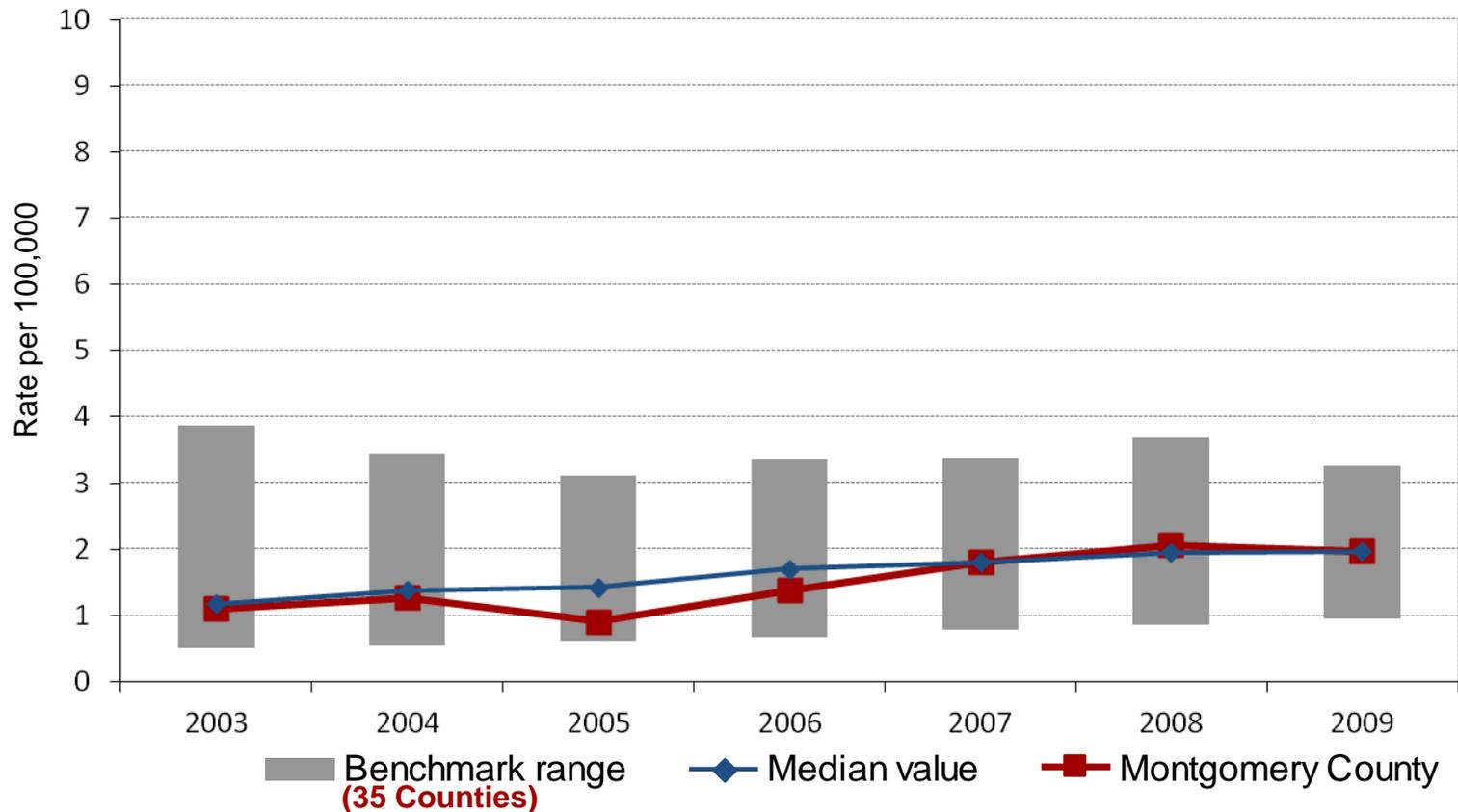
**In 2009, the median value was 23.45 In Montgomery County, there were 16.4 unintentional injury deaths per 100,000 population. In 2009, the highest value was 40.4 per 100,000 and the lowest value was 12.9 per 100,000.**

Source: Office of Women's Health, US Health and Human Services; only 2003-2009 data available



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**Indicator: Chlamydia case rate per 1,000**



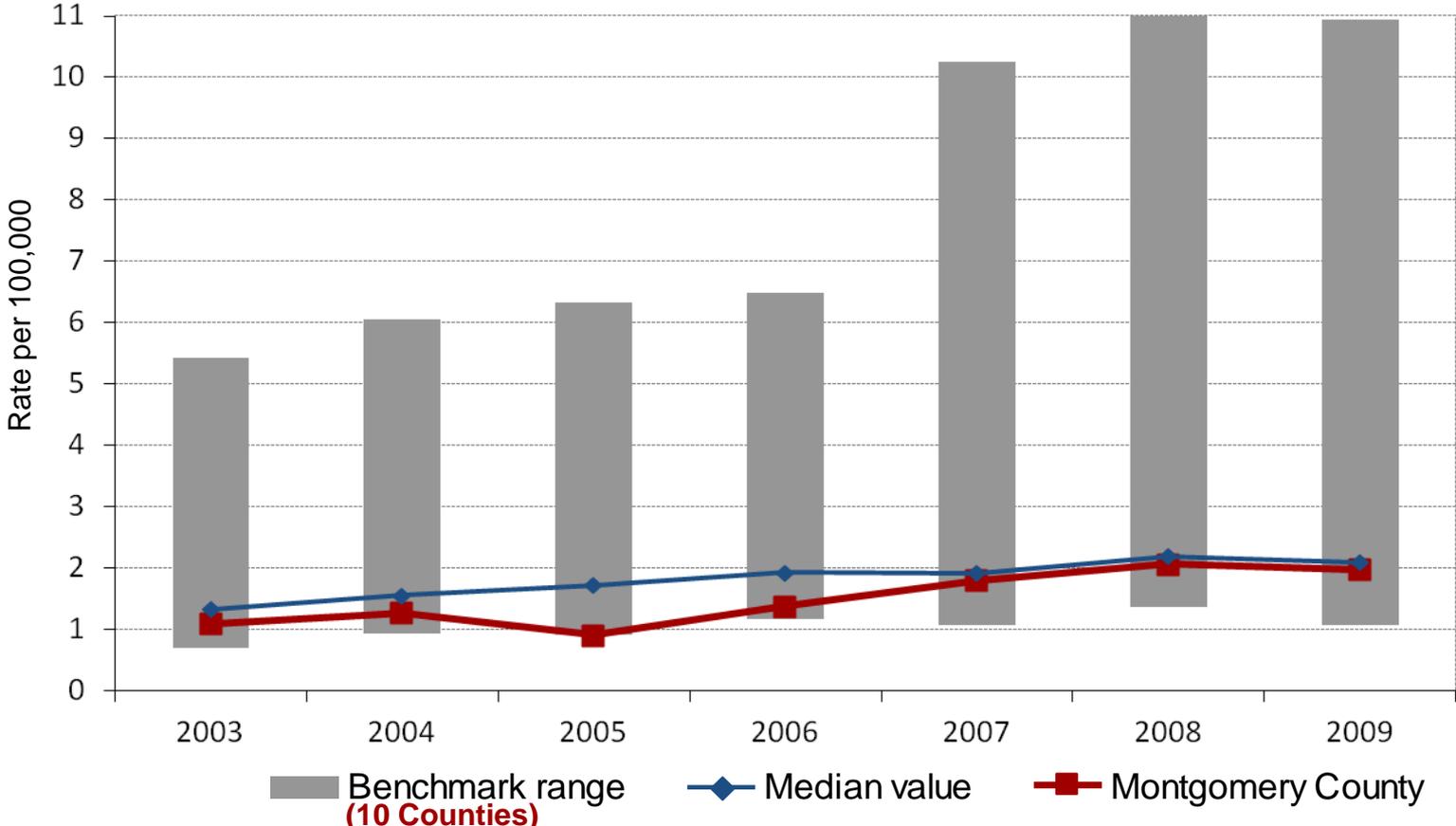
**In 2009, the median value was 1.9 percent. In Montgomery County, there were 1.9 Chlamydia cases per 1,000 population. In 2009, the highest value was 3.25 per 1,000 and the lowest value was 0.96 per 1,000.**

Source: Office of Women's Health, U.S. Health and Human Services; Healthy People 2010; only 2003-2009 data available



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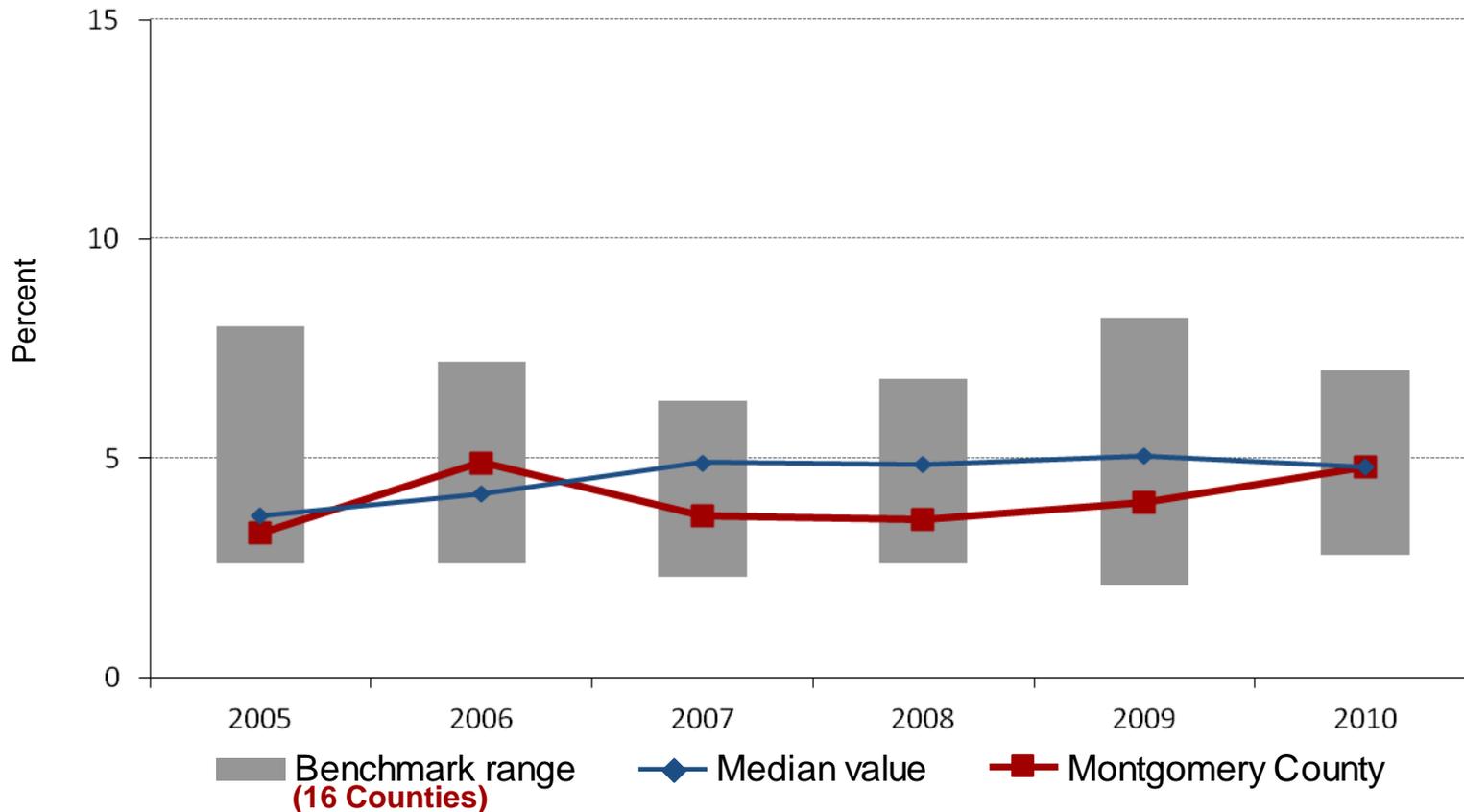
In 2009, the median value was 2.09. In Montgomery County, there were 1.9 Chlamydia cases per 1,000 population. In 2009, the highest value was 10.9 per 1,000 and the lowest value was 1.07 per 1,000.

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**Indicator: Percent of adults who are heavy drinkers**



**In 2010, the median value was 5 percent. In Montgomery County, 5% percent of adults reported they were heavy drinkers. In 2010, the highest value was 7% and the lowest value was 2.8%.**

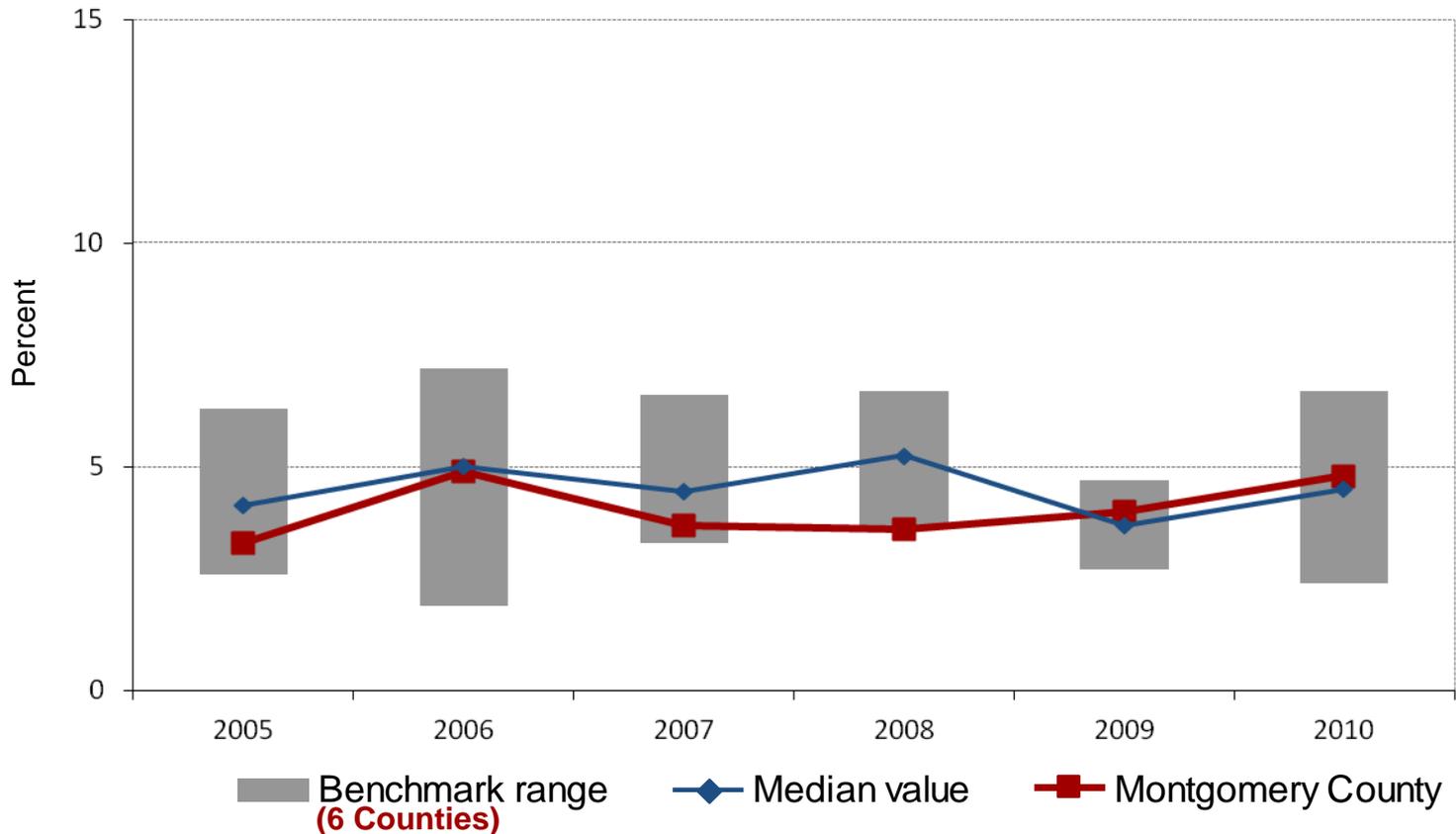


Source: Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, CDC



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**Indicator: Percent of adults who are heavy drinkers**



**In 2010, the median value was 4.5 percent. In Montgomery County, 5% percent of adults reported they were heavy drinkers. In 2010, the highest value was 6.7% and the lowest value was 2.4%.**

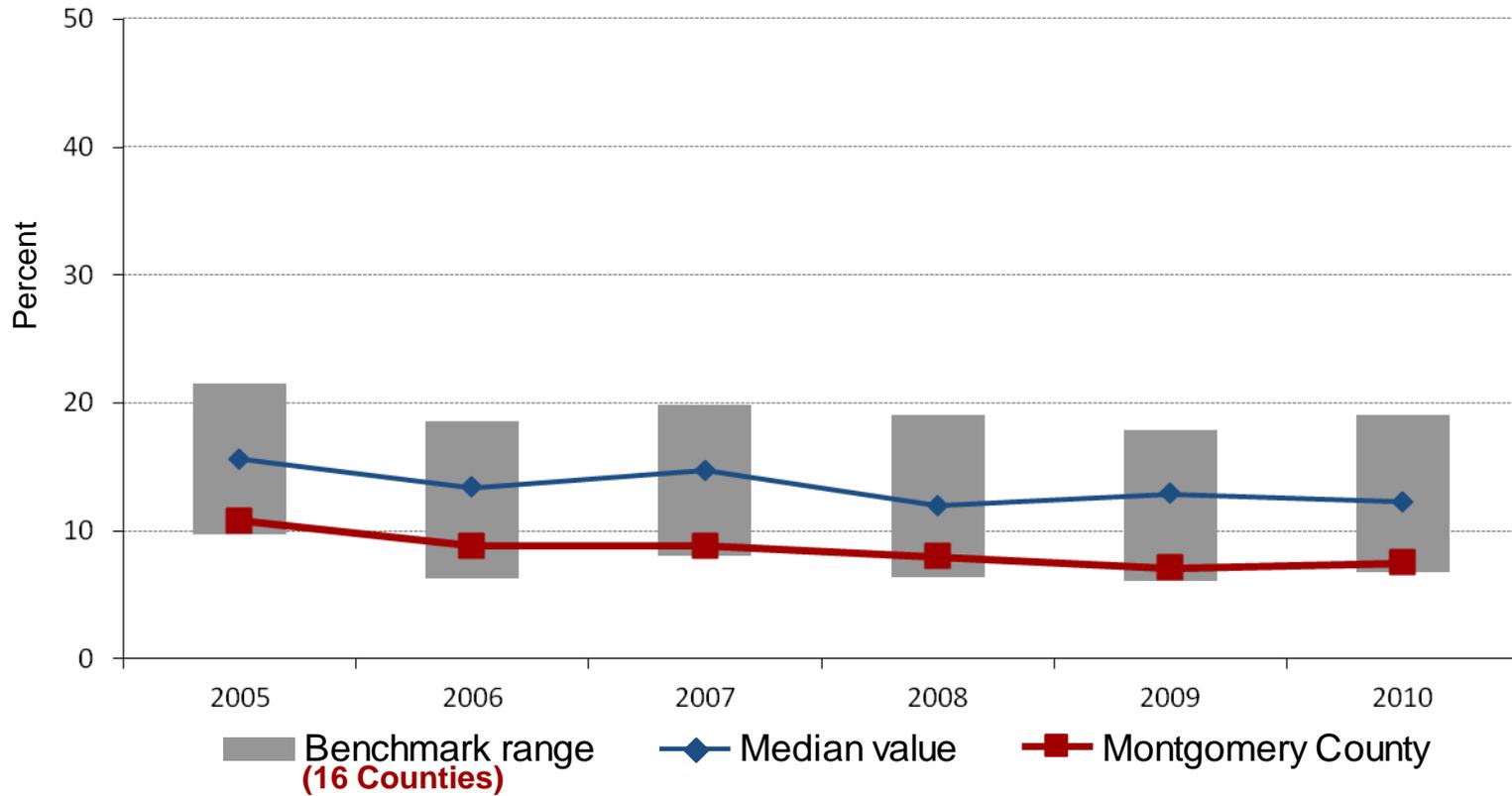


Source: Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, CDC



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**Indicator: Percent of adults who are current smokers**



**In 2010, the median value was 12 percent. In Montgomery County, 7.5% percent of adults reported they were current smokers. In 2010, the highest value was 19% and the lowest value was 7%.**

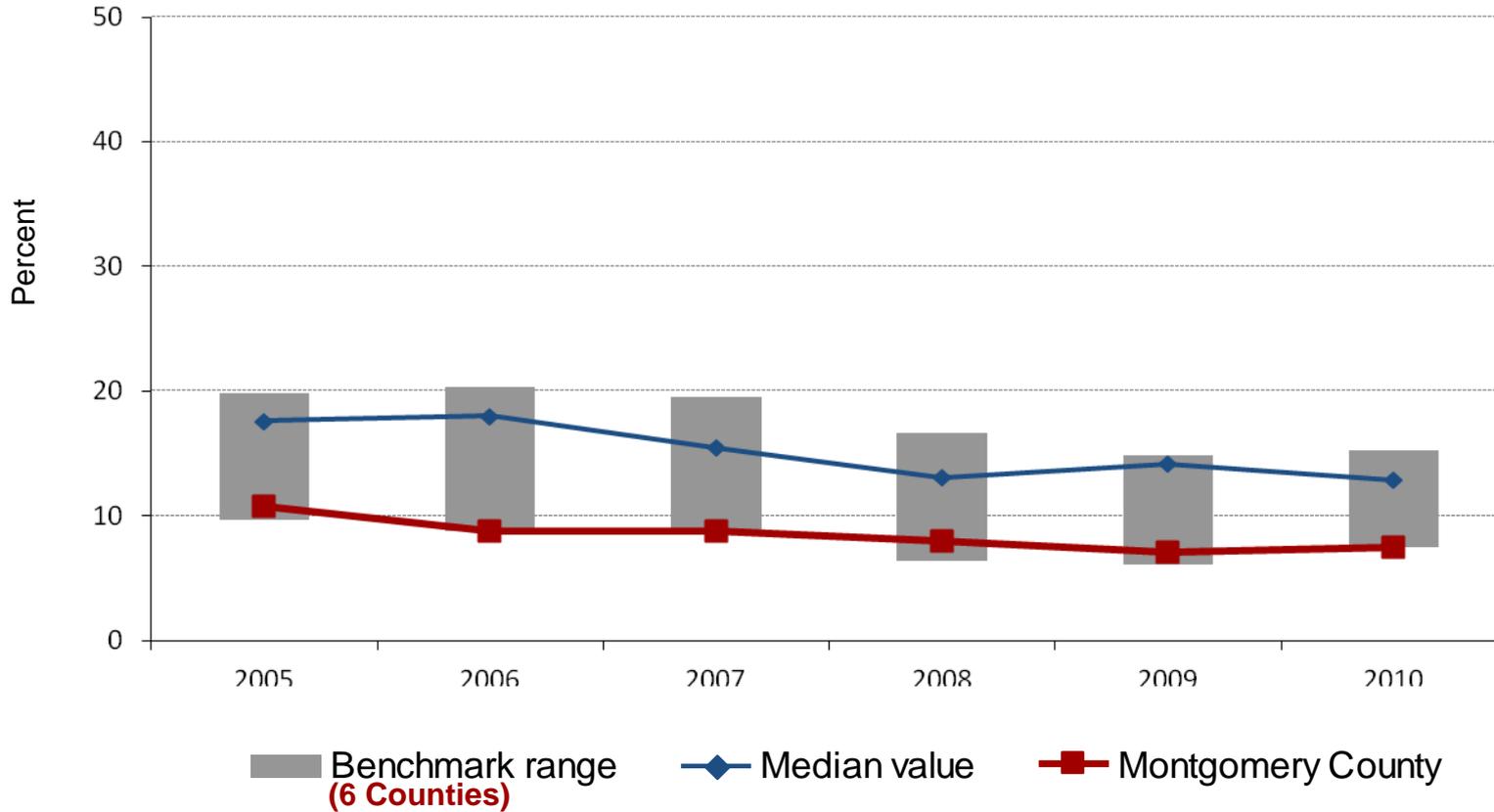


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**Indicator: Percent of adults who are current smokers**



**In 2010, the median value was 13 percent. In Montgomery County, 7.5% percent of adults reported they were current smokers. In 2010, the highest value was 15% and the lowest value was 7.5%.**

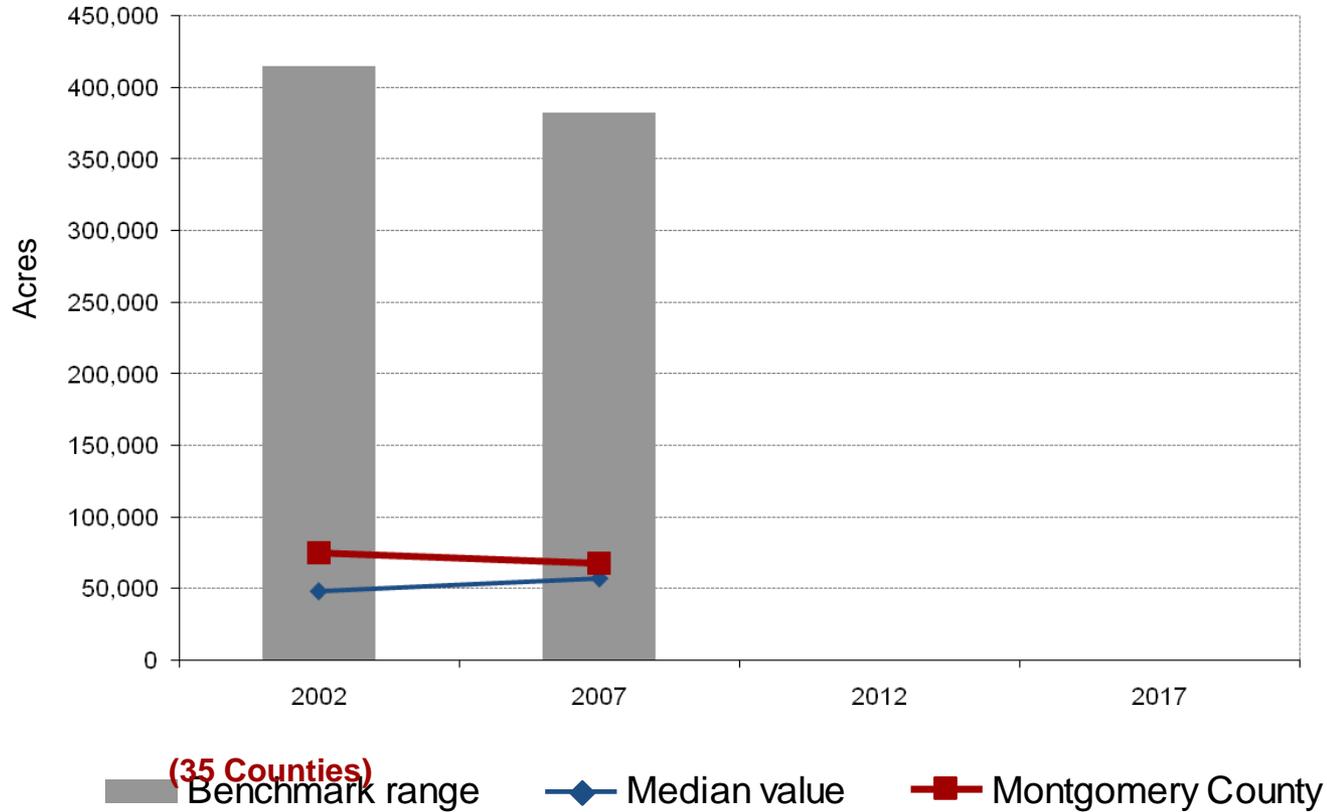


Source: Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, CDC



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**Indicator: Acres of farmland**



**In 2007, the median value was 57,089 acres. In Montgomery County, there were 67,613 acres of farmland. In 2007, the highest value was 382,740 and the lowest value was 1,177.**

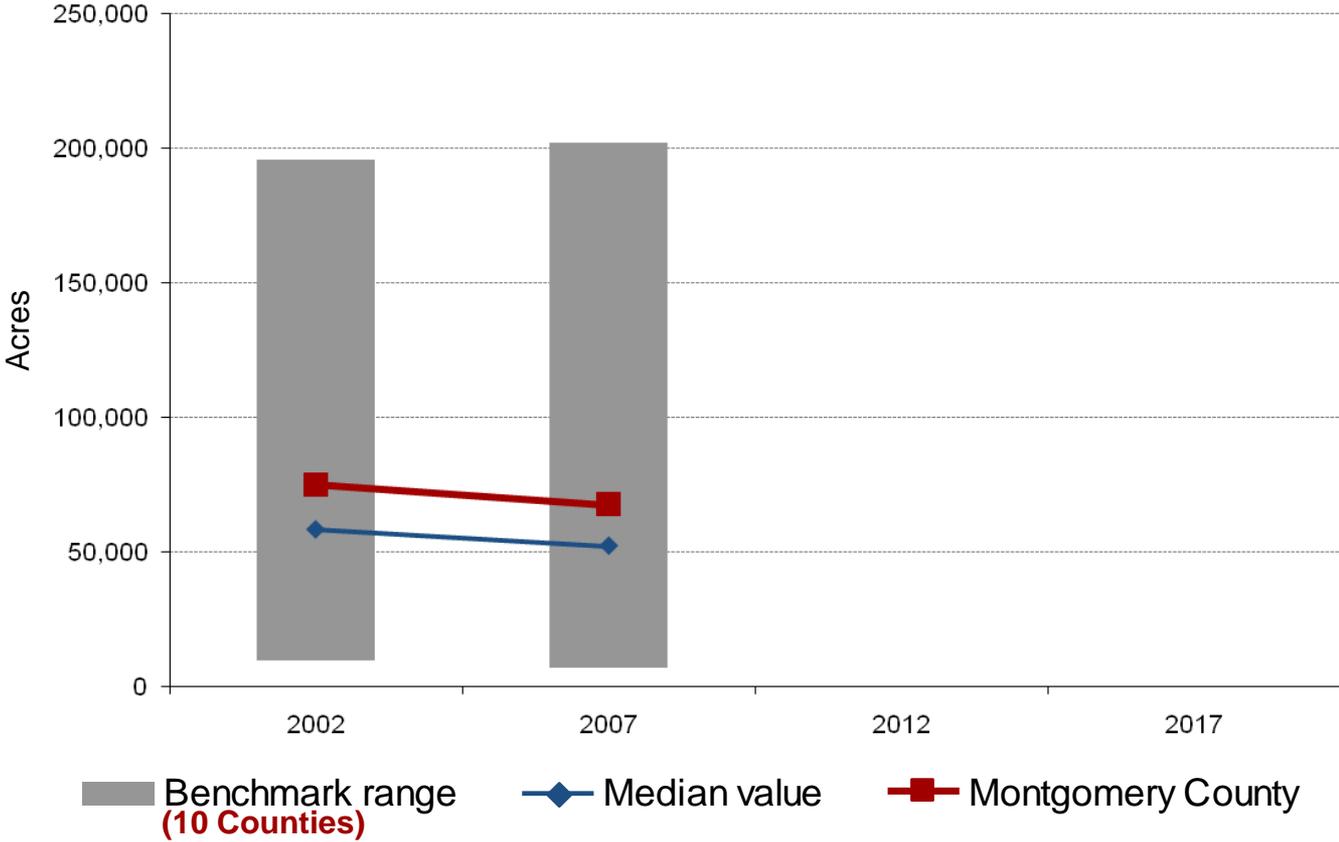


Source: USDA Agricultural Census; Note: Census is conducted every 5 years



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**Indicator: Acres of farmland**



**In 2007, the median value was 52,309 acres. In Montgomery County, there were 67,613 acres of farmland. In 2007, the highest value was 202,087 and the lowest value was 7,031.**



Source: USDA Agricultural Census; Note: Census is conducted every 5 years

